

Christ is counting on YOU!

Even in these days of trials, when we are constantly barraged with news stories with accounts of horrific situations, Christ is counting on each one of us. We may have moments of doubt, feeble faith, or outright indignation as we question why these things are happening, yet, we must follow the example of Habakkuk and rejoice in the God of *our* salvation. (3:17)

If you are lagging in your faith these days, think back to your pilgrim walk. Was there even a moment during those 72 hours that reminded you of why you trust God? Something you experienced that increased or re-affirmed your faith? Use that; today, right now, to combat what the world is throwing at us.

Our faith is important. It is what sees us through difficult times and what adds to our joy in the good times. It is what gives us courage during the dark times when we are in a pit of despair. It is what helps us sense God's presence as we search for the light as we trust God's goodness, mercy and timing.

When we feel our faith tank is running low, spending time in God's Word, at church and yes, participating in and serving at Emmaus will help refill and refresh that faith supply. These things help to remind us that God is wise and does not make mistakes. That God is too kind to be cruel and has our good at heart (Romans 8:28). God knows what's best and does just that in HIS time. Faith believes that God is always in control so we can rest in that knowledge. And, faith knows that even when we cannot see God's hand, we can trust his heart.

As Habakkuk said, "Yahweh my Lord is my strength; He makes my feet like those of a deer and enables me to walk on mountain heights!" (3:19) He was talking about mountain deer that walked treacherous heights yet never fell.

Letter from the Community Lay Director continued....

Just like that deer, the Lord's promise to us is to keep us on our feet as we travel the treacherous path of life. He doesn't promise there will not be trouble, but He does promise to travel with us through it.

Remember my Emmaus sisters and brothers, God is here for you! And if you need a refreshing experience to top off your faith tank, come and spend some time with your Emmaus community at the Gathering or during the upcoming walks. Encouragement is yours for the taking. Participating and serving will increase your faith and trust as we remember the faith statement made during the cross ceremony....

Christ is counting on you. And, I am counting on Christ!

De Colores,

Sandy

September Gathering

The next Gathering is Friday, September 21st. Covered dish dinner, dessert and fellowship at 6:30pm and Worship 7:15pm.

Fourth Day Speaker

Jeff Williams

Community Singing

Pete and Trish Shafer

Special Music

Jennifer Thomas

Snow Policy:

In the event of inclement weather if Ashland Independent Schools are closed the Gathering will be canceled.

LOOKING FOR A PLACE TO SERVE?

There are many opportunities in the Ashland Area Emmaus Community to serve with gladness!

Facilities

(Anita Fitzpatrick Chair person) email: fitzal@roadrunner.net phone: 606-831-2208

As we prepare for walks, help is needed on the Thursday of each event. Many hands make light work of setting up the church turning rooms into sleeping quarters, getting the Family Life Center (FLC) set up for the send off dinner and the conference room ready for the the new best friends. The process begins at 9am, so come and give your heart and hands to service in Christ.

Saturday and Sunday are big days too as we prepare for Candlelight and closing. Sunday morning lots of help is needed to turn the sleeping rooms back into Sunday school spaces for the church. All mattresses need to be moved to the FLC and furniture reset. Sunday afternoon assistance is needed to help pack things up and move it to the FLC and readied for storage. There's always a place for you to be of service to the community and especially the pilgrims!

AGAPE

(Lisa Angel, Chair person) email: lisa.k.angel@gmail.com Phone: 606-315-4081

There are lots of service needs in Agape

Things that can be donated for the walks and brought to the September gathering:

Steno Pads

Post It Notes

Colored Pocket Folders

Tissues for Conference Room

Earplugs (individually packaged)

Cans of Coffee (Maxwell House/Folgers- Regular and Decaf)

Agape Food needed to show some love to the pilgrims: Bring to Sendoff or during walk weekends

Vegetable Tray

Fruit Tray

Cheese Balls and Crackers

Chips and Salsa, Dip

Goodies! Fudge, Cookies, Cheese Cubes, etc.

BEHIND THE SCENE HELPERS

Thursday morning-set up sleeping rooms, Conference Room and Agape room 9 AM

Thursday night-helpers are needed to move tables and chairs and set the Conference Room for the weekend 8:30PM

Friday & Saturday- cleaning rooms and restrooms, doing laundry, running errands to get items for pilgrims, setting up Food Agape and getting things set up for the entire weekend. ALL DAY, especially FROM 10 AM TO NOON, 5 PM TO 7 PM AND 9:00PM

Saturday-helpers are also needed to help set up for Candlelight 7 pm

Sunday-cleaning rooms and restrooms, doing laundry, running errands, and continuing supplying Food Agape. ALL DAY, especially FROM 9 AM TO 10 AM AND NOON TO 1 PM, AND 3 PM TO AFTER CLOSING

Sunday-begin tearing down Food Agape, cleaning the Agape Kitchen and returning the church to its original condition, setting up for the Cross Ceremony and carrying pilgrims items to the Family Life Center 3 PM

KITCHEN

(Jennifer Conley, Chair Person). Email: jconleyins@yahoo.com

Phone: 740-534-2744

Do you like to cook? Do you like to help cook? How about helping serve food with a smile?

We can use you!

If you would like to volunteer to cook a meal, a whole day of meals or even a whole weekend let us know! Recipes and food lists are available along with detailed instructions so you can stay organized and make it easy and tasty for all involved.

If you would like to serve meals, please arrive about 30 minutes prior to published meal times so we know we will be ready to serve when the pilgrims arrive.

Assistance in clearing tables, washing dishes and preparing the room for next meal is always helpful.

UPCOMING WALKS

Men's Walk: Oct 4-7, 2018

Lay Director: Chuck Conley

72 hour Prayer Vigil

<http://www.3dayol.org/Vigil/GetVigil.phtml?pvid=14788&commid=633>

Women's Walk: Oct 18-21, 2018

Lay Director: Lisa Angel

72 hour Prayer Vigil

<http://www.3dayol.org/Vigil/GetVigil.phtml?pvid=14787&commid=633>

